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ABUBAKAR ATIQ DURRANI

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO CIVIL DIVISION

CATHY BEIL, et al.

Case No. A1302781

Plaintiffs,

Judge Ralph Winkler

VS.

:

ABUBAKAR ATIQ DURRANI,

M.D., et al.

:

Defendants.

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PLAINTIFF'S MOTION UNDER CR 37

Plaintiffs pursuant to CR 37 request all relief available under CR 37.

Plaintiff properly noticed the deposition of Dr. Durrani as reflected in Exhibit 8 under the Index of Exhibits to this Motion. Dr. Durrani failed to cooperate or appear after receiving the Notice of the Deposition.

As reflected in Exhibit 11, a letter from Dr. Durrani's counsel advised us that he will not be available for the deposition.

Plaintiff's counsel wants to stress Dr. Durrani and CAST are parties to this action. They were properly served and before the Court. Dr. Durrani and CAST's legal counsel have fully participated in this case including discovery and fully defending the claim with experts.

Not only is Dr. Durrani a fugitive of justice, but he's been allowed to defend the claim while not submitting to a deposition.

If ever there is a case and circumstances requiring the harshest sanctions under CR 37, this and all companion cases are it.

Based upon the facts detailed herein including the Exhibits, particularly Exhibit 1 which

is a summary, Plaintiff under CR37 (b)(2) and 37(d)(i)(iii), move as follows:

1. Dr. Durrani under CR 37(d)(i) failed to appear for his deposition.

2. Under CR 37(d)(iii), Plaintiff requests all relief under CR37(2) (a) (b) and (c).

3. Plaintiff requests the following facts be established:

A. Dr. Durrani was negligent in his care and treatment of Plaintiff.

B. Dr. Durrani committed battery upon Plaintiff.

C. Dr. Durrani failed to inform Plaintiff of the risks and complications of his

treatment and surgeries.

D. Dr. Durrani fraudulently misrepresented and fraudulently concealed material facts

to Plaintiff which Plaintiff relied upon to his detriment.

E. Based upon A-D, these facts were the proximate cause of damages to Plaintiff.

4. All defenses and pleadings of Defendants Dr. Durrani and CAST are stricken and

they are not permitted to present any evidence at the trial of any issue in this case.

5. Plaintiff requests a default judgment on liability, causation and damages on all claims

against Dr. Durrani and CAST.

To allow Dr. Durrani to flee, ignore a deposition notice, and yet fully defend the case is

unjust, unfair and unacceptable.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie L. Collins (0089945)

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I hereby certified that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail this had a day of June 2014, to all counsel of record:

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 May 21, 2013 Letter Cancelling Dr. Durrani Deposition on Representation of Durrani Counsel



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Dr. Durrani's Deposition (Attached Notices of Depositions)

Counselors:

On January 22, we requested Dr. Durrani's deposition (attached).

On February 3, Paul McCartney responded with "he is unable to give a deposition at the present time in this case or in any other case (attached).

We filed a Motion to Compel based upon that above representation and representations made in discovery answers and pleadings by James Brockman that "efforts to communicate with have been fruitless."

We have supplied you Dr. Durrani's home address, home phone number, work address, work phone number, his cell number and his email addresses where he still communicated as of March to at least one patient.

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19 Broadcast Plaza 635 West 7th Street, Suite 401 Cincinnati, OH 45203 513.729.1999 • Fax: 513.381.4084 Judge Guckenberger overruled our Motion to Compel solely on the basis that a Notice of Deposition wasn't noticed.

We noticed Dr. Durrani's deposition for tomorrow and Friday (attached).

On May 7, 2014, Paul McCartney and I exchanged emails (attached) where the pledge to let us know in "advance of the depositions as to whether Dr. Durrani will appear or not to avoid the costs associated with showing up and then not having Dr. Durrani appears."

On May 13, 2014, we received the attached letter claiming you notified Dr. Durrani of his deposition, but as of May 13, 2014 you had not received any word from him.

Yesterday, May 20, 2014, we asked for an update. This morning I received the attached email from Jim Brockman.

Based upon everything outlined in this letter and the attachments, and the circumstances to the logistics involved in this deposition, we have no intention of wasting our time and money with the phone connection and court reporter arrangements we made to conduct this deposition. It wasn't easy.

Therefore, the depositions Thursday and Friday are canceled solely based upon what I outlined here.

It's our position and will be our position, we have complied under CR 37 with noticing his deposition.

Sincerely, Euphania La Ollins

Stephanie L. Collins

SLC/sj

2. January 22, 2014 Email Requesting Dr. Durrani Deposition

Sarah Jones

	From:	: (*		Eric Deters
	Sent:	·		Wednesday, January 22, 2014 1:38 PM
	To:			Loretta Little; David Williamson; mlyon@lindhorstlaw.com; James Brockman;
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	Subject:		:	Dr. Durrani Contact Information- Deposition Request
	Attachments:	. "		Dr. Durrani Contact Information.pdf

Dr. Durrani is at the Doctor's Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan. He's the Chief Spine Surgeon there performing surgeries and seeing patients. I attach the address and phone number. He also communicated from Pakistan by phone with Mike Lyon. He has a number for him too. This letter is to request his deposition on the Cory Wright case and all cases in the order they are scheduled for trial. We will do the deposition by phone and/or video.

3. February 3, 2014 Letter from Paul McCartney



Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis, LLP Cincinnati Cleveland Dayton

600 Vine Street, Suite 2650 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

February 3, 2014

Eric C. Deters, Esq. Eric C. Deters & Partners, PSC 5247 Madison Pike Independence, KY 41051

Re: Julie Wright, Indiv., James Wright, Indiv., and Their Son, Cory Wright v. Abubakar

Atiq Durrani, M.D., et al. RFK&D Ref: 10963-4

Dear Mr. Deters:

This is in response to your letter of January 22, 2014 requesting the deposition of Dr. Durrani. Dr. Durrani has indicated that he is unable to give a deposition at the present time in this case or in any other case.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

RENDIGS, FRY, KIELY & DENNIS, L.L.P.

/s/Paul W. McCartney

Paul W. McCartney

PWM/jsz

c: J. David Brittingham, Esq.

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Paul W. McCartney, Esq. (513) 381-9234 pmccartney@rendigs.com Admitted to Practice in Ohio 4. May 7, 2014 Emails

From: McCartney, Paul W. [pmccartney@rendigs.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 3:11 PM

To: Stephanie Collins

Cc: Debra Nelson; 'aep'; mlyon@lindhorstlaw.com; James Brockman

Subject: RE: Durrani Deposition in Romer and Feltner

Dear Stephanie:

You are not entitled to know how or if we have communicated to Dr. Durrani about the notices. As we pledged to do, we will let you know in advance of the depositions as to whether Dr. Durrani will appear or not to avoid the costs associated with showing up and then not having Dr. Durrani appear. These depositions are still two plus weeks away and we will let you know as soon as possible.

Paul

From: Stephanie Collins [mailto:scollins@ericdeters.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 12:29 PM

To: McCartney, Paul W.; mlyon@lindhorstlaw.com; James Brockman

Cc: Debra Nelson

Subject: Durrani Deposition in Romer and Feltner

Please advise whether you have informed Dr. Durrani of the depositions noticed in Jason Romer and Jacob Feltner and whether or not he will attend.

Thanks,

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5. May 13, 2014 Letter (Collins)



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Counselors:

Mike told me last week he would respond Monday about Dr. Durrani's deposition. I also received an email from Paul which failed to answer the simple question: is Dr. Durrani going to attend his telephonic deposition or not and where does he want to do it from if he does.

If we do not have an answer by Thursday, we will assume he's attending as noticed and will spend the money we have to take it as planned. If he doesn't show up, we will seek all sanctions permitted and the fees. You are acting as if we are being difficult when a simple yes or no whether a party is appearing for their deposition is all we are asking.

Sincerely,

/sj

Copy: Debra Nelson

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RE: Notice of Deposition of Dr. Durrani

Dear Ms. Collins:

As requested, we have notified Dr. Durrani of his deposition that you recently noticed.

As of May 13, 2014 we have not received any word from Dr. Durrani regarding the deposition.

I trust this satisfies your inquiries and if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

LINDHORST & DREIDAME

1st Michael F. Lyon

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cc: All counsel of record

7. May 21, 2014 Letter (Brockman)

Durrani

James Brockman [JBrockman@lindhorstlaw.com]
Sent:Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:26 AM
To: Stephanie Collins

Ms. Collins:

Before I replied to your inquiry of yesterday, I wanted to check with Messrs. Lyon and McCartney. I know I had not had any reply from Dr. Durrani regarding the deposition. I have now heard from Messrs. Lyon and McCartney. They haven't either.

Based on the lack of communication from Dr. Durrani, we assume he does not plan to attend. In light of that, I would not go through the formality and expense of arranging for the Court Reporter, etc. to set up his deposition to prove he didn't show. We will not insist you actually "appear" at some deposition, via teleconference or otherwise, to make your record.

IF we do hear something from him, we'll be sure to advise you as soon as we can.

I trust this satisfies your latest inquiry.

Jim Brockman 513 345 5798

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

TERESA NICHOLS : Case No. CV 2013 04 1128

Plaintiff, : Judge Guckenberger

V.

ABUBAKAR ATIQ DURRANI, M.D. et. : al., : NO

I., : NOTICE OF DEPOSITION

Defendants

The Plaintiff, by and through counsel, pursuant to the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, will take the deposition of Abubakar Atiq Durrani, M.D. on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. (PKT) (7:00 a.m. EST) at our Cincinnati office located at 635 W. Seventh Street, Suite 401, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203, before a court reporter duly authorized to administer an oath, the deposition to continue until complete and will be taken by telephone. For emphasis, this is 7:00 a.m. EST on Thursday, May 22, 2014. It will be 4:00 p.m. PKT at that time. Dr. Durrani is requested to be at the Doctor's Hospital at Lahore, Pakistan.

Respectfully submitted,

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WILLIAM and DONNA FELTNER

Case No. A1301232

Individually and as Best Friend of their

Judge Robert P. Ruehlman

Minor Child, JACOB FELTNER

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9. Previously Filed Amended Motion to Compel

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO CIVIL DIVISION

Plaintiffs, As Listed in Exhibit A,

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Case No. See Exhibit A

As Elsted in Exhibit A,

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS :

Judge Guckenberger

Plaintiffs,

-VS-

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Abubakar Atiq Durrani, M.D. et al.,

Defendants.

AMENDED MOTION TO COMPEL DR. DURRANI TO A DEPOSITION AND/OR SANCTIONS UNDER CIVIL RULE 37

Dr. Durrani and his legal counsel are feigning Dr. Durrani's unavailability and lack of cooperation. Dr. Durrani is practicing medicine at Doctor's Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan (Attached Exhibit 1). We requested his deposition (Attached Exhibit 2). His counsel responded he was not available (Attached Exhibit 3). We insisted on proof (Attached Exhibit 4). There has not been any response.

Meanwhile, as reflected by the attached, Dr. Durrani not only stays in contact with American patients, he's still directing their treatment (Exhibit 5).

Dr. Durrani's legal counsel in answering discovery states: "Recent efforts to communicate with him have been fruitless." (Exhibit 6). It is a complete and total farce.

This is relevant for several reasons:

1. Counsel for Dr. Durrani should be compelled to produce Dr. Durrani for deposition by videoconferencing or by phone.

- 2. If Dr. Durrani does not provide a deposition in a case, that fact should be permitted to be told to the jury in the case and Plaintiffs seek the sanctions allowed under Civil Rule 37.
- 3. If Dr. Durrani does or does not provide a deposition and the reason he does or does not, is relevant on the issue of Medical Protective's attempt to avoid coverage on claims.

The Plaintiffs are entitled to the truth from Dr. Durrani's counsel and a deposition from Dr. Durrani in each case if we so choose.

Technology available in 2014 makes the fact Dr. Durrani in Pakistan no excuse to not be deposed. In fact, Dr. Durrani knowing he is safe from prosecution in Pakistan would increase the likelihood he would choose to defend his conduct as he has in all cases if he was truly asked to provide a teleconferenced deposition.

Requiring Dr. Durrani counsel to produce proof they even asked Dr. Durrani is not attorney client privileged or protected work product. It's a deposition request. If the Court believes it is, the Court could make an in camera inspection of what they claim they sent.

It's Plaintiffs position, they either did not ask or intentionally directed him not to do a deposition. However, for purposes of Civil Rule 37, it makes no difference:

- 1. Dr. Durrani and CAST are parties.
- 2. A deposition has been requested.
- 3. Dr. Durrani's counsel has represented Dr. Durrani won't give a deposition.

Plaintiffs seek the sanctions under 37(b)(2)(a). It appears from the case law it does not even require a Motion. If this requires an Order first, we ask for an Order for Dr. Durrani to submit to a deposition as requested. If he refuses or if the Court, based upon his counsel's representations considers an Order unnecessary, we would like to draft what "designated" facts be taken as established, we would ask Dr. Durrani's defenses be prohibited, we would ask he not

be permitted to call an expert, his pleadings be stricken, and a finding he's in contempt in each Butler County case. Other than the Brenda Shell, Dr. Durrani has not given a deposition in any of these cases.

Based upon Dr. Durrani's legal counsel's representations a Notice and Court Order would be futile. Dr. Durrani's legal counsel has stated: He's not available to be deposed.

<u>Settle v. Thurber Manor Apartments</u>, 10th Dist. Franklin No. 98AP-608, 1999 WL 352990, at *4 (May 11, 1999):

"[T]he type of discovery violations found by the trial court to be willful and in bad faith are those requiring a violation of an order compelling discovery before sanctions can be imposed under Civ.R. 37. In <u>Dafco Inc. v. Reynolds</u> (1983), 9 Ohio App.3d 4, 457 N.E.2d 916, this court addressed the propriety of imposing discovery sanctions under Civ.R. 37. In particular, this court noted that under <u>Civ.R. 37(D)</u>, a party who fails to appear at a properly noticed deposition or remains silent in the face of properly served written discovery requests is subject to immediate imposition of sanctions after motion and notice. *Id.* at 4-5, 457 N.E.2d 916."

Russo v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 9th Dist. Summit No. 12790, 36 Ohio App.3d 175, 178, 521 N.E.2d 1116 (1987): "It is exclusively within the trial court's discretion to determine the particular sanction to be imposed for the particular infraction committed. . . [T]he trial court must consider the posture of the case and what efforts, if any, preceded the noncompliance and then balance the severity of the violation against the degree of possible sanctions, selecting that sanction which is most appropriate.

In deciding, the trial court should look to several factors: the history of the case; all the facts and circumstances surrounding the noncompliance, including the number of opportunities and the length of time within which the faulting party had to comply with the discovery or the

order to comply; what efforts, if any, were made to comply; the ability or inability of the faulting party to comply; and such other factors as may be appropriate." See also Huntington Natl. Bank v. Zeune, 10th Dist. No. 08AP-1020, 2009 WL 2100920 (July 16, 2009).

Coon v. Froehlich, 573 F.Supp. 918, 923 (S.D. Ohio 1983):

"The sanctions of Rule 37(d) may be imposed even in the absence of an order compelling discovery. See 4A Moore's Federal Practice, ¶ 37.05; 8 Wright & Miller Federal Practice and Procedure, § 2291."

Based upon Dr. Durrani's counsel representations, the fact Dr. Durrani fled the country, the number of individuals effected by his conduct, the fact Dr. Durrani's carrier wants to benefit from his flight, we believe the strongest sanctions possible are warranted.

Plaintiff requests all relief they are entitled to under Civil Rule 37.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Stephanie Collins Colons Stephanie Collins

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I do hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing was sent electronically on this

day of April, 2014 to all counsel of record:

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Exhibit 1: Dr. Durrani's New Hospital In Lahore, Pakistan



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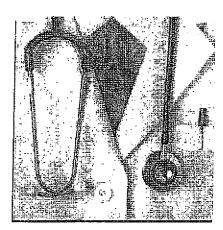
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Doctors



All of our senior doctors have decades of experience from many of the most respected medical institutions in the world and have the highest professional degrees in their specialties from the United States, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Pakistan.

With such an extensive professionally trained staff of doctors we are able to provide our patients the best health care in the country – at par with the top medical facilities around the world,

Our facility offers a full spectrum of specialties and medical technologies to help our patients receive optimal care.

Our staff spans across the full spectrum of medical specialties including:

Internal Medicine Pediatrica / Naonatology Pulmonary and Intensive / Critical Care Neurology Nephrology Endocrinology Cardiology - Invasive and non-invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery Cardiel Electrophysiology Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Urology Nephrology and Dialysis Ophthalmology Ear, Nese and Throat/Audiology Neurosurgery General and Isparoscopic surgery Obstatics and Gynecology Clinical Nutrition Consultancy

Physical Rehabilitation

Our state of the art technologies allows us to offer the most modern treatment care via:

Complete Pathology Services
Complete Diegnostic and Therapeutic Radiology
Digital X-Rays
30/4D ultrasound.
Fluorescopy
64-stice CT Scanner
Two Open-bore MRI machines
Complete Nuclear Medicine – Diagnostic and Therapeutic
Invasive Radiology
Total body Angiography Complete – Diagnostic and Therapeutic
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Consultant Name	Education	Special Interest	Specialty
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Exhibit 2: Request for Dr. Durrani's Deposition

Sarah Jones

From: Eric Deters

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 1:38 PM

To: Loretta Little; David Williamson; mlyon@lindhorstlaw.com; James Brockman;

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Guy C. Guckenberger

Cc: Josh Waters; Steve Kilburn; Sarah Jones; Kimberly Moore; Debra Nelson; Chuck

Holbrook; Chad Fuller; Ginger Dietrich; Bonnie Cook

Subject: Dr. Durrani Contact Information - Deposition Request

Attachments: Dr. Durrani Contact Information.pdf

Dr. Durrani is at the Doctor's Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan. He's the Chief Spine Surgeon there performing surgeries and seeing patients. I attach the address and phone number. He also communicated from Pakistan by phone with Mike Lyon. He has a number for him too. This letter is to request his deposition on the Cory Wright case and all cases in the order they are scheduled for trial. We will do the deposition by phone and/or video.

Exhibit 3: Claim Dr. Durrani Is Not Available

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February 3, 2014

Eric C. Deters, Esq. Eric C. Deters & Partners, PSC 5247 Madison Pike Independence, KY 41051

Re: Julie Wright, Indiv., James Wright, Indiv., and Their Son, Cory Wright v. Abubakar

Atiq Durrani, M.D., et al. RFK&D Ref: 10963-4

Dear Mr. Deters:

This is in response to your letter of January 22, 2014 requesting the deposition of Dr. Durrani. Dr. Durrani has indicated that he is unable to give a deposition at the present time in this case or in any other case.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

RENDIGS, FRY, KIELY & DENNIS, L.L.P.

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c: J. David Brittingham, Esq.

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Exhibit 4: Second Request for Dr. Durrani Deposition



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Kelly Matt (Paralegal)
Shelly Bagby (Employment Paralegal)
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Trisha Morley (In-house Court Reporter)

Reply To: February 5, 2014

Paul McCartney, Esq. RENDIGS FRY KIELY & DENNIS 600 Vine Street, Suite 2650 Cincinnati, OH 45202

RE: Your February 3, 2014 Letter Regarding Dr. Durrani Deposition

Dear Mr. McCartney:

Eric forwarded the attached letter to my attention. Regarding Dr. Durrani not being available to be deposed, we would like proof that 1, he was asked to participate in the deposition and 2, proof Dr. Durrani responded with a refusal to participate in the deposition. This information will be obtainable as discovery in the dec action. Of note, the dec action includes correspondence by email from Dr. Durrani as an exhibit. Additionally, please copy Debra A. Nelson and myself on future correspondences regarding Durrani cases.

Sincerely,

K. Joshua Waters

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KJW/km

Encl.

CC: Debra A. Nelson

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Exhibit 5: Dr. Durrani Communication with Patients Here in the U.S.

From: Christy Goldstein cgchristy3@api.com

Subject: Durrani's emails

Date: February 17, 2014 at 9:03 PM
To: Chad Fuller chad@sricdeters.com

On Feb 17, 2014, at 8:48 PM, Atiq Durrani <adurrani.yourspinedoctor@gmail.com> wrote:

Well if he got a CT scan to determine if it has fused or not please send me those images. Your symptoms sound very much that is instability either above or below the fusion. Could be occipital -C1 instability or below. Send me those images and if you can get a CT in flex ion and extension. As well as lateral rotation that will be great.

Sent from my (Phone

On 18-Feb-2014, at 6:44 am, Christy Goldstein < gchristy3@aol.com> wrote:

When I turn my neck to the left or right I get shooting pain, feel a crunching noise as well and see spots. The pain has been so horrible. I am not used to having this much pain this far after the surgery date, at some points I feel like I want to rip my head off, I hope you are doing well, I saw my old surgeon Dr. Sybert and he basically told me to not see him again because he won't help me.. So I am stuck in a tough spot.

I hope all is going well with you and hopefully things will get resolved for you.

All my best.

Christy

On Feb 17, 2014, at 8:38 PM, Atiq Durrani <adurrani.yourspinedoctor@gmail.com> wrote:

Christy

We fused both sides but instrumented one side only. There are reasons for that because I pack a ton of bone graft on both sides. Every ones anatomy is different. Sometimes it takes the C1 screw on both sides and sometimes it only takes on one side safely. Safety is the key as the vertebral artery is very close to the C1 screw. That is why if I can safely place both screws I place both sides and if I cannot then I won't risk your life. Fact is that one side instrumentation is plenty.

As far as fusion is concerned it is a hard place to fuse despite all efforts. One of the advantages of not instrumenting both sides is that we can pack a ton of bone graft on that side. That was done in those cases, Despite that it is still a hard place to fuse. If you have recently got a CT scan Send me those images so I can assess the fusion myself. Then I will advise you what to do further

Also what symptoms are you having?

Thanks for staying in touch.

AD

Sant (rom my iPhone

On 18-Feb-2014, at 3:04 am, Christy Goldstein <ogchristy3@aol.com> wrote:

So my C1-C2 did not tuse and was only tried to be tused on one side so what do I do now? Hope you are well

From: Christy Goldstein agehristy3@aoi.com

Subject: Fwd; HII

Date: December 19, 2013 at 10;40 PM
To: Chad Fuller chad@ericdeters.com

Begin forwarded message:

From: Atiq Durrani <adurrani.vourspinedoctor@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: HII

Date: Oecember 19, 2013 at 10:29:24 PM EST To: Christy Goldstein <eqchristy@eol.com>
Reply-To: adunant.yourspinedoctor@gmail.com

Christy

Thank you for your email. I appreciate your concern and support. Keep me in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you once again, it is greatly appreciated.

AD.

On 20 Dec 2013 06:58, "Christy Goldstein" < ogchristy3@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Dr. Durennitt

I am so sorry all this is happening to you. Is there anything I can do to help?

All my best.

Christy Goldstein

Exhibit 6: Claims by Dr. Durrani Counsel "efforts to communicate with him have been fruitless."

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Plaintiffs,

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ABUBAKAR ATIQ DURRANI, M.D.,

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Defendants

DEFENDANTS' ABUBAKAR ATIQ DURRANI, M.D. AND CENTER FOR ADVANCED SPINE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.'S RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFFS' FIFTH SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO CIVIL DIVISION

BRENDA SHELL,

And her husband JOHN SHELL

Case No. CV 2012 08 2824

Plaintiffs,

Judge Guckenberger

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ABUBAKAR ATIQ DURRANI, M.D.,

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Defendants.

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INTRODUCTION

As opposing counsel and the Court are aware, Dr. Durrani has, allegedly, fled the country. Recent efforts to communicate with him have been fruitless. Furthermore, CAST is closed and has been effectively closed for quite some time. As such, even if any of the information sought in these discovery requests is, in fact, discoverable, counsel for these Defendants cannot obtain this information from Dr. Durrani and no one is authorized to answer discovery on behalf of CAST. As such, any information provided in response to these discovery requests is based upon these Defendants' counsel's ability to determine the responses from information available to them.

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REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

1. Produce all of Dr. Burkus's contracts with Medtronics referenced in his deposition. This is for every year he had one and for every issue he had a contract.

ANSWER:

See the INTRODUCTION; the information requested in this Request for Production of Documents is unknown to these answering Defendants.

2. Produce the total dollar amount of Dr. Burkus has been paid by Medtronic and all their affiliates over the course of his work with and for them. (See pg. 13 of his deposition).

ANSWER:

See the INTRODUCTION; the information requested in this Request for Production of Documents is unknown to these answering Defendants.

s/ Tames F. Brockman (0006749)Michael F. Lyon Laurie A. McCluskey (0075310) (0009478)John A. Goldberg (0009469)James F. Brockman LINDHORST & DREIDAME CO., L.P.A. 312 Walnut Street, Suite 3100 Cincinnati, OH 45202-4048 (513) 421-6630 phone (513) 421-0212 facsimile mlyon@lindhorstlaw.com Imccluskev@lindhorstlaw.com igoldberg@lindhorstlaw.com ibrockman@lindhorstlaw.com Attorney for Defendants, Abubakar Atiq Durrani, M.D. and Center for Advanced Spine Technologies, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following by regular U.S. Mail on this 25 day of 2014.

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/s/ Tames F. Brockman

10. Order Overruling the Motion to Compel

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

(As Listed in Exhibit A), : Case No.

Plaintiffs

-vs- ; Judge Guckenberger

Abubakar Atiq Durrani, M.D. et al.,

Defendants. : Denial of Motion to Compel

Dr. Durrani's Deposition

Plaintiffs' amended motion to compel Dr. Durrani's deposition and/or sanctions under Civ.R. 37 is denied. Civ.R. 37(D) sanctions for a party's failure to appear at his deposition are expressly conditioned on the party "being served with a proper notice" of the deposition. Civ.R. 30(B)(1) specifies the contents of a notice to take a deposition. Plaintiffs' make no representation that Dr. Durrani was served with proper notice of his deposition and defendants, Durrani and CAST, claim no such notice has been given.

Notwithstanding the claimed unlikely presence of Dr. Durrani at a properly noticed deposition, the civil rules must be followed before the court can issue any order pursuant to Civ.R. 37(D). *Ohio Board of Clark County Com'rs v. Newberry*, 2nd Dist. Clark No. 2002–CA–15, 2002-Ohio-6087, ¶ 15.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Judge Guy C. Gyckenberger

A copy of this order has been emailed to:

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11. May 30, 2014 Letter (Lyon)

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Stephanie L. Collins, Esq. Eric C. Deters & Associates 635 West 47th Street, #401 Cincinnati, OH. 45203 VIA REGULAR U.S. MAIL

RE: Durrani Depositions

Dear Ms. Collins:

We are in receipt of your May 27, 2014 correspondence with the attached Notice of Deposition in approximately 99 cases. We have advised Dr. Durrani of this.

He advises he will not be available.

In light of this advice, as was the case in the previously noticed deposition, we shall not insist that you go through the formality of arranging for a court reporter in Pakistan, having the reporter be there and you, personally, attend the deposition to prove he is unavailable.

If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

LINDHORST & DREIDAME

/s/Michael F. Lyon

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cc: All Counsel of Record